Watkinson 1st in main event

John Watkinson recorded his first ever NASCAR sportsman main event win Saturday night at Saugus Speedway, just ahead of Gary Sigman, the fastest qualifier. Two-time champion Dave Phipps was third and Rusty Parr wound up fourth.

Watkinson maneuvered past Danny Hornaday on lap 31 of the 40-lap race and never lost the lead.

Another first-time, Rick Crow, took the street stock figure 8 feature while Craig Rayburn won the stocker oval main.

Larry Durm took the initial lead in the 15-lap figure 8 followed by Jim Marlewski and David Downs. On lap four, however, Downs and Marlewski came together, and in the confusion, Crow worked himself into second place behind Durm.

Crow eventually grabbed the lead on the ninth lap and pulled away from the field in the remaining six laps. Steve Nickolai won a close battle, finishing just ahead of White, Russ Beckers and Durm.

Harley Barrett got the pole position for the 25-lap street stock oval main, however, he slid while entering the first turn and ended up colliding with the wall on turn two. Kenny Wilson, who was also involved in the melee, was unable to continue as well.

Nickolai took the lead on the restart, but Raburn worked himself to the inside and around him on the next circuit. Dale White Jr. moved ahead of Nickolai on lap five. White ended up second with Eric Foster and Russ Beckers coming in third and fourth, respectively. Nickolai wound up fifth.